Northcote & Thornbury Catholic Parishes

PARISH of HOLY SPIRIT & ST ANTHONY'S

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Mission Prayer: Loving God, guide us as we build a joyful and inclusive community. May your Holy Spirit lead and inspire us to be the Good News of Jesus Christ by serving others and caring for all. Amen.

Reconciliation Times

10.30am Saturdays — St Mary's
4.30pm Saturdays — Holy Spirit
5.00pm Saturdays — St Joseph's

MASS TIMES

St Mary's Thornbury
Sunday: 10:00am English/Italian
5:30pm
Weekday: Wednesday, 9:15am
English/Italian

St Joseph's Northcote
Saturday: 5:30pm
Sunday: 11:00am
Weekday: Tuesday, 9:15am

Holy Spirit Thornbury East
Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 9:30am
Weekday: Thursday, 9:15am
English/Italian

St Anthony's Alphington
Sunday: 10:30am, English/Italian
Weekday: Friday, 9:15am

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK
2 Nov: All Souls' Day
4 Nov: St Charles Borromeo, bishop

Recently Deceased:
Gina Grassi, Theano Adamopoulos, Maria Elena Luengas, Aleyda Lasprilla, Oleh Harasymiv

Anniversaries
Domenico Libertoni, Tom Egan, Leslie V Hardiman, Anthony C. Rintoul, Giuseppina Romanello 1 Yr, Antonietta Grosso 1 Yr, Salvatore Fratangelo 1 Yr, Elio Durante 3 Yrs, Charlie Restall, Paul Restall, Otour Malki Taouk, Hind Habib Succar, Elizabeth F. Walch, Terence John Doyle, Carlos Baker, Tannous Hanna Fakhry, Charlie Zahra Elena & Tony Matisi, Maria Signa, Gianetta & Gaetano Centurino, and Maria De Santis.

To update parish details, please visit our official parish website: www.melbcatholic.org/s/hosan

All Saints (Solemnity) —Year A — 31 October -1 November 2026



Lifting Burdens, Not Adding Them

(Matthew 23:1-12)

In today's Gospel, Jesus highlights the gap between the religious leaders' words and actions. The scribes and Pharisees place heavy burdens on others while seeking honour and recognition for themselves.

Jesus offers a different path. He invites the weary to come to him, promising rest and renewal. His leadership is marked by humility, compassion, and service rather than status or power.

This Gospel challenges all forms of Christian leadership. True greatness is found not in titles but in serving others, lifting burdens, and helping people encounter God's love. His message remains relevant today. Whenever faith becomes weighed down by expectations, Jesus calls us back to mercy, simplicity, and humility. He shows us that authentic leadership leads by love, bringing healing, hope, and renewal.

(Sharing the Treasure, Brendan Byrne SJ)

AMALGAMATION CONSULTATION *As we continue the amalgamation process, Father warmly invites parishioners to meet with him to share any questions, concerns, or thoughts they may have. He is keen to listen, hear your views, and engage in open conversation as we journey together through this important time. Father Shabin is available to meet with parishioners individually or in small groups of up to three people.*

Father will be available at ***St Mary's Presbytery*** *1 Rossmoyne Street, Thornbury on* ***Wednesday 4 to Saturday 7*** *November, from* ***11am to 5pm****.*
If you would like to make an appointment please ***call Fr Shabin*** *on 0427186922 or* ***email*** *shabin.kaniampuram@cam.org.au.*

PARISH CONSULTATION MEETING

We warmly invite all parishioners to our next consultation meeting, which will be held on Sunday 8 November 2026 at 12.30pm at Holy Spirit Parish Hall, 197 Clarendon Street, Thornbury East.

Facilitated by the Take the Way of the Gospel Change Management Team, this gathering will focus on our shared journey and the way forward for 2027. It will also be an opportunity to listen, share ideas, ask questions, and contribute to the future of our parish community.

We hope you can join us as we continue to discern and shape our future together. A light lunch will be provided, and all are welcome. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

Anniversaries Continued: Mattiuzzo Angelo Mirko, Blair Gardiner, Pezzutti Bruna & Bruno, and Joe Monteganno.

Our Partnership Parishes have a commitment to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable people in our community.

First Reading *Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14*

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.
After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'
One of the elders then spoke and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51*

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

L_ The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. **R.**

L_ Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. **R.**

L_ He shall receive blessings from the Lord?
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-3

A reading from the letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.
Surely everyone who entertains this hope
must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Mt 11:28*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel of Mathew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Readings: Next Week: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 8 November 2026

1st Rdg:	Wisdom 6:12-16
2nd Rdg:	1 Thessalonians 4:13-14/13-18
Gospel:	**Matthew 25:1-13**

Prima lettura *Ap 7,2-4.9-14*

Dal libro dell'Apocalisse di san Giovanni apostolo
Io, Giovanni, vidi salire dall'oriente un altro angelo, con il sigillo del Dio vivente. E gridò a gran voce ai quattro angeli, ai quali era stato concesso di devastare la terra e il mare: «Non devastate la terra né il mare né le piante, finché non avremo impresso il sigillo sulla fronte dei servi del nostro Dio».
E udii il numero di coloro che furono segnati con il sigillo: centoquarantaquattromila segnati, provenienti da ogni tribù dei figli d'Israele.
Dopo queste cose vidi: ecco, una moltitudine immensa, che nessuno poteva contare, di ogni nazione, tribù, popolo e lingua. Tutti stavano in piedi davanti al trono e davanti all'Agnello, avvolti in vesti candide, e tenevano rami di palma nelle loro mani. E gridavano a gran voce: «La salvezza appartiene al nostro Dio, seduto sul trono, e all'Agnello».
E tutti gli angeli stavano attorno al trono e agli anziani e ai quattro esseri viventi, e si inchinarono con la faccia a terra davanti al trono e adorarono Dio dicendo: «Amen! Lode, gloria, sapienza, azione di grazie, onore, potenza e forza al nostro Dio nei secoli dei secoli. Amen».
Uno degli anziani allora si rivolse a me e disse: «Questi, che sono vestiti di bianco, chi sono e da dove vengono?». Gli risposi: «Signore mio, tu lo sai». E lui: «Sono quelli che vengono dalla grande tribolazione e che hanno lavato le loro vesti, rendendole candide nel sangue dell'Agnello». Parola di Dio
Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo responsoriale *(Sal 23)*

Rit. _ Ecco la generazione che cerca il tuo volto, Signore.

L._ Del Signore è la terra e quanto contiene:
il mondo, con i suoi abitanti.
È lui che l'ha fondato sui mari
e sui fiumi l'ha stabilito. **Rit.**

L._ Chi potrà salire il monte del Signore?
Chi potrà stare nel suo luogo santo?
Chi ha mani innocenti e cuore puro,
chi non si rivolge agli idoli. **Rit.**

L._ Egli otterrà benedizione dal Signore,
giustizia da Dio sua salvezza.
Ecco la generazione che lo cerca,
che cerca il tuo volto, Dio di Giacobbe. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura *1Gv 3,1-3*

Dalla prima lettera di san Giovanni apostolo

Carissimi, vedete quale grande amore ci ha dato il Padre per essere chiamati figli di Dio, e lo siamo realmente! Per questo il mondo non ci conosce: perché non ha conosciuto lui.
Carissimi, noi fin d'ora siamo figli di Dio, ma ciò che saremo non è stato ancora rivelato. Sappiamo però che quando egli si sarà manifestato, noi saremo simili a lui, perché lo vedremo così come egli è.
Chiunque ha questa speranza in lui, purifica se stesso, come egli è puro.
Parola di Dio
Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo *xxx*
Alleluia, alleluia.
Venite a me,
voi tutti che siete stanchi e oppressi,
e io vi darò ristoro.
Alleluia.

Vangelo *Mt 5, 1-12*

Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo

In quel tempo, vedendo le folle, Gesù salì sul monte: si pose a sedere e si avvicinarono a lui i suoi discepoli. Si mise a parlare e insegnava loro dicendo:

«Beati i poveri in spirito,
perché di essi è il regno dei cieli.
Beati quelli che sono nel pianto,
perché saranno consolati.
Beati i miti,
perché avranno in eredità la terra.
Beati quelli che hanno fame e sete della giustizia,
perché saranno saziati.
Beati i misericordiosi,
perché troveranno misericordia.
Beati i puri di cuore,
perché vedranno Dio.
Beati gli operatori di pace,
perché saranno chiamati figli di Dio.
Beati i perseguitati per la giustizia,
perché di essi è il regno dei cieli.
Beati voi quando vi insulteranno, vi perseguiteranno e, mentendo, diranno ogni sorta di male contro di voi per causa mia. Rallegratevi ed esultate, perché grande è la vostra ricompensa nei cieli».

Parola del Signore
Tutti: Lode a Te O Cristo

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Names will remain for 2 weeks, then a new request is required. *Tina Marangoni, Madja Brozic, Mary Buttifant, , and Vittoria Calidonna.*

HOUSE VISITATIONS

Do you or someone you know require any of the following:

- Annual House Visits
- Visits to the Sick
- Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office on 9484 2907 to arrange a time with Fr Shabin or Fr Tuong.

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND / MALATI O CONFINATI A CASA

Se conoscete persone che sono malate o confinate a casa e vorrebbero ricevere visite o la comunione a casa siete pregati di mettervi in contatto Parish Office **9484 2907**

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Christian Meditation on Thursdays at 10:30am at Holy Spirit Parish, resumes in Feb 2027

BAPTISMS: By Appointment Only

1st Sunday of the month—St Mary's
2nd Sunday of the month—Holy Spirit
3rd Sunday of the month—St Anthony's
4th Sunday of the month—St Joseph's

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SENIORS

After the Thursday 9:15am Mass at Holy Spirit Parish Hall.
Dopo messa Bingo e carte nella sala, si offre caffe e biscotti. Tutti benvenuti.
After Mass, bingo and cards in the hall, with coffee and biscuits offered. All Welcome.

Last Friday of the month

St Joseph's Seniors Mass every last Friday of the Month at 10:30am in the church.
Parrochiani anziani di San Giuseppe sono invitati a partecipare alla **Santa Messa ultimo Venerdi del messe alle 10:30am.**

Masses of Anointing of the Sick

First Wednesday of the month

9:15am: St Mary's Thornbury
Messa in italiano con il Sacramento dell'Unzione degli Infermi.
9:15 am: St Mary's Thornbury
Anointing of the sick Mass in Italian

First Friday of the month

9:15am: St Anthony's Alphington, Anointing of the sick Mass in English. Benediction 8:45am

"**Telephone Prayer meeting"**
When: Every Tuesday at 11:30am
Dial**: 07- 5660 6012** (call from home)
Access code: **722762 #**
Cost: Cost of a local call. Open to all.

Catholic Religious Education Classes for children attending government schools in preparation for the Sacraments
Please call the Parish Office 9484 2907 or go to our website at
https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/hosan
Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable People Committee
Contact Person via the Parish Office:
Moses El-Fahkri

Parish Notices



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Christian Community ***Niamh, Alessio, and Viva*** who are presented for their baptism by their parents *Thomas & Sinead, Phillip & Natalie, Robin & Alexandra* at ***St Mary's*** this Sunday. We congratulate **Niamh, Alessio, and Viva** and their families, and pray for their continued spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

Friday 6 November at St Anthony's Alphington

First Friday Adoration with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins 8:45 am, followed by morning Mass at 9:15 am with anointing for the sick.

November is the Month of the Holy Souls



"We pray for them out of love and hope," …
"Their journey to God continues, and
our prayers strengthen them—
and bring healing to us." *(Archbishop Peter Comensoli)*

***All souls Mass** will be held **2** November, **10 am** at **St Mary's** Thornbury and **7:30pm** at **St Joseph's** Northcote*



Memoriam Masses—Saturday 7 to Sunday 8 November
In November we remember all those who have died and especially those who have been buried from our Parish Churches.
Please Join us as we celebrate and remember our dearly departed.



*We Congratulate **Andrew Tran**, who completed his Parish Placement in our Parishes in Partnership in 2024, on his ordination to the Diaconate. With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, your prayers and presence are requested at the Ordination of **Andrew Tran** to the Diaconate, to be conferred by Most Reverend Peter A Comensoli DD, ArchBishop of Melbourne, on Saturday **14 November** 2026, at **10**am,*

at St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne.

Artwork: Garofalo, Christ washing the Disciple's feet—Courtesy of the Art gallery of Washington.

POSITION VACANT Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for positions in administration and finance in the Parish Office. If you are interested, please contact Margaret on financeant@cam.org.au for further information.

***2026 Advent Reflection**: **The Way of the Heart** will commence on Thursday, **26** November, at **10:30am** in the church narthex at Holy Spirit Church, Thornbury. The reflection series will run for four weeks, concluding on 16 December. All are welcome.*

***Faith in Action: An election guide** from the Bishops of Victoria Ahead of the 2026 Victorian election, the Bishops of Victoria have issued an election statement highlighting key issues for Catholics to consider when deciding their vote. You are invited to read the statement and prayerfully discern how your vote can contribute to the common good. View the statement online at: bit.ly/StateElection2026.*



***COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2027**: The calendars are on sale for $10 each, they are available at the back of the church. If you would like to use the Tap and Go machines, do so and put the envelope in the basket with TAP AND GO on it. Thank you Parish Office.*